

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 (currently amended). A set, in particular for fixed combs ~~or round combs on~~ textile combing machines, comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a plurality of needles which are arranged adjacent to each other, ~~whereby each~~ needle ~~comprises~~ comprising a foot section and a tip section, and

\_\_\_\_\_ a free opening area ~~formed~~ whereby between the tip sections of adjacent needles, ~~a free opening area is formed,~~ in which the fibres to be combed can penetrate during combing, wherein

- the needles are produced by punching,
- at least the front end of the tip section is angular or previously bent, and
- the needle density is  $\geq 33$  needles per cm.

2 (previously presented). A set according to claim 1, wherein the needle density is 35 needles per cm.

3 (currently amended). A set according to claim 1, wherein the needle depth is greater than 1.1 mm, ~~preferably greater than 1.3 mm, and in particular approx. 1.5 mm.~~

4 (currently amended). A set according to claim 1, wherein the needle thickness is ~~approx.~~ approximately 0.28 mm.

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5(new). A set according to claim 1, wherein the needle depth is greater than 1.3  
mm.

6(new). A set according to claim 1, wherein the needle depth is approximately 1.5  
mm.